

**Edward Snickers to George Washington, May 20, 1774,
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FROM MR. EDWARD SNICKERS.

EDWARD SNICKERS May 20th. 1774.—

DEAR SIR,

I have received a Letter from Mr. Hughes directed to you,¹ and One to William Bird Esqre. to your care; which please to deliver; And the Contents (I believe) is, to get him his Warrants for his Lands, which, I hope, you will endeavour to do, and send them to me by the Bearer, Mr. Smith, and I will take them to him immediately, that he may make Sale of One of them to get himself out of Prison. I offered to be his Bail, to deliver him safe back to Prison, provided they wou'd let him have One Month, to go to Williamsburg and get this Land, which they r [mutilated] do; without Security that lived in the Country, for his good [mutilated] ur; And to pay his Prison fees down; which is Eighty Pounds, or upwards: And without you and Colonel Bird will stand his friends, and get his Warrants for him, he has no other Chance. All from,

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant NB. If we cou'd make up a Subscription, to get him out, I will pay Ten pounds.²

¹ See ante, p. 353.

² "Enclosed you will receive Mr. Hughes's warrant in his own right, for two thousand acres of land, the getting of which, at this time, he must look upon as a very great favor, as the Governor has dispensed with two positive instructions to oblige him. I got a gentleman of my acquaintance in Maryland to mention his case to Governor

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Eden, who promised to have the matter inquired into, and do what he could for his relief. Why it has not been done, I cannot tell; but if my contributing twenty or twenty-five pounds to his relief will procure his liberty, you may set me down for that sum.”—Washington's reply, SPARKS' Writings of Washington, vol. ii. p. 387.